

Heartland Genealogy Jan-Jun 2020



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Setting Goals

Monday, January 06, 2020

It's the new year and time for resolutions. Right? Or, if you are like me, you've given up on resolutions. I gave up on 'New Years Resolutions' quite a while ago. Like many people, one of the reasons I quit making resolutions was because I didn't keep them. However, looking back, I think another reason is that we perceive a 'New Year's Resolution' as a declaration to change something about our lives.

Instead of making resolutions to 'change,' I want to set goals for things I want to accomplish – particularly with my genealogy research. Before writing goals for 2020, I thought I'd look back at my previous goals to see how well I've done.

And guess what – I would receive a failing grade for goal setting in 2019 because I can't find any goals for 2019. However, I did find that I wrote goals for 2018.

- Get my tree indexed on Ancestry!
- Reduce number of shaky leaves on Ancestry
- Use RootsMagic's link to FamilySearch to add sources for my direct line ancestors
- Connect with cousins on Facebook by sharing family photos
- Blog about my ancestors
- SCAN — I still have some photo albums to scan
- Clean up files (sadly I have duplicates of some photos and others that need re-scanned)
- DNA — update my spreadsheet of matches
- Finish doing visual phasing with my brother's DNA results and then hopefully add a cousin or two
- Attend a genealogy conference
- Participate in genealogy study groups and round-tables

With two years to accomplish these goals, one would hope that I could report progress. Even though I can report progress on some goals, I don't have any data to support progress on others and I've abandoned other goals.

In terms of progress, I can claim success for the following goals:

- My Heartland Genealogy tree on Ancestry is indexed and TreeShare with RootsMagic is working great.
- I have attended the Topeka Genealogical Society's conference
- Weather and schedule permitting, I have participated in the DNA Study Group and Brick Wall Study group sponsored by the Topeka Genealogy Society.
- Until recently taking a detour to work with Ancestry hints, I have been frequently blogging about my findings

Even though I think I've been successful with some of the other goals, I have no data to support my feeling of success. For example, I have no idea how many shaky leaves I had at the beginning of 2018, or the number of hints worked.

In terms of adding sources to FamilySearch, I know I have added some sources. Even though I'm not responsible for adding all of the sources to the individuals in my tree, my tree is gradually turning 'orange' to reflect 10 or more sources for each ancestor.



Because of the overwhelming amount of data, I've abandoned the DNA related goals. Instead, I'm using the Notes and color coding capabilities for my Ancestry matches to try and keep up with all of this data.

I do have data to show growth in my RootsMagic database over the past year.

	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2020	Growth
People	12973	14392	1419
Families	4388	4782	394
Events	36454	41600	5146
Sources	3692	4123	431
Citations	50829	56690	5861

Even though my goals shifted over the past two years, I'm glad I listed them. So, looking ahead, I would like to continue

- Researching both ancestors and their descendants
- Blogging
- Attending the study groups sponsored by the Topeka Genealogical Society
- Utilizing webinars and YouTube videos to improve my skill set

My dream goal for this year would be a research trip to Eastern Kentucky University and the Lancaster area of Kentucky.

Hopefully, in a year, I can look back and say that I've had a successful year and learned a lot.

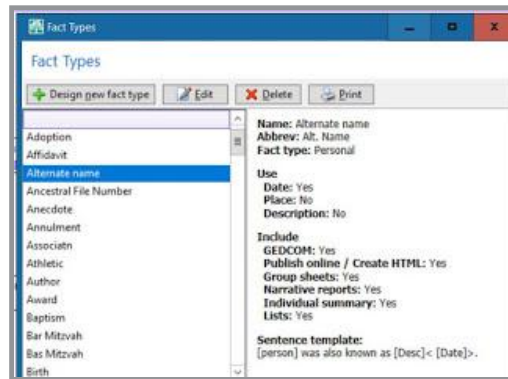
Alternate Names

Wednesday, January 08, 2020

I don't know about you, but when it comes to my genealogy skills, I feel like I am constantly learning and sometimes, re-learning? I'm currently 're-learning' about 'alternate names.'

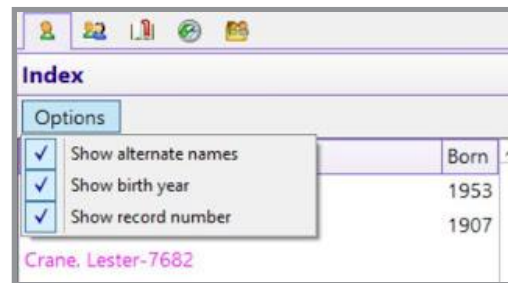
Thanks to a post in the RootsMagic Users Facebook group about the 'Alternate Name' fact, I've been prompted to evaluate how I deal with married names.

When I migrated my data from The Master Genealogist (TMG) to RootsMagic, the 'Name-Marr' event from TMG was automatically converted to the 'Alternate Name' fact in Roots Magic.

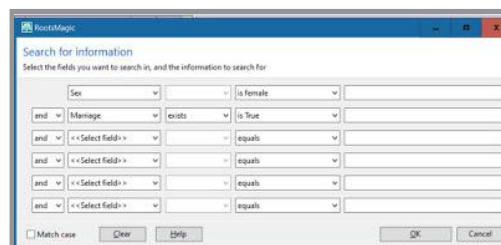


However, I didn't do a good job of learning about my new software since I didn't realize the correlation between the 'Name-Marr' and 'Alternate Name' facts. Nor did I realize that I had to create the fact for a female when adding a spouse.

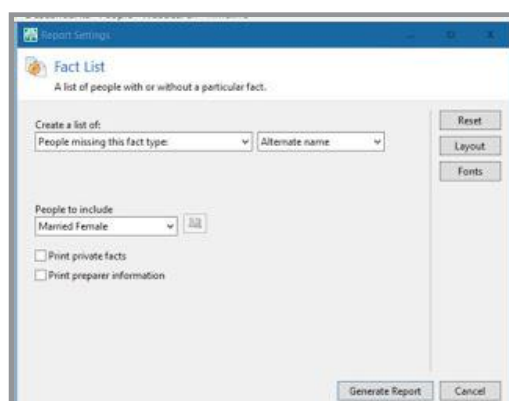
After reading the FB post, I am going back to make sure the I have added the Alternate Name Fact — especially for my direct lines. As I've been working thru this, I also realized that my 'INDEX' list was not showing those names. This was a 'simple' fix in that I only had to pull down the OPTIONS button and place a check by 'Show Alternate Names'



In order to make it easier to make these changes, I wanted to create a list of those needing an 'Alternate Name' fact added. For the most part, this would be females who were married but who do not have the 'Alternate Name' fact. I couldn't figure out how to create a marked list with that list of criteria. However, I was able to create a marked list for females who have a marriage record and called the list 'Married Female'.



Using this marked group, I was then able to create a 'FACT LIST' report for people missing the 'Alternate Name' Fact.

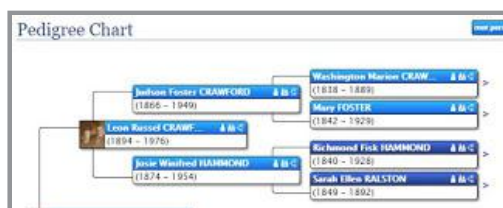


Now, I have a list of women who need to have an 'Alternate Name' fact added. I can now slowly work my way thru this report. Even though this will take some time to add the Alternate Name fact where appropriate, I am thankful to the users on the RootsMagic Users Facebook group for discussing this fact.

Online Trees

Monday, January 13, 2020

Is organization one of your 2020 goals? If so, have you been following the tips in The Genealogy Guys Blog? Today's post, 'Organizing Your Online Trees,' is a challenge for me.



It is a challenge since I never considered having to 'keep them up to date.'

For years, I have shared my work with others either thru a website, thru my Ancestry tree or thru a gedcom file. Since having my DNA tested, I have used gedcom files to share my tree with the various sites where my DNA data has been uploaded.

Thanks to hosting site and software changes, some of my early attempts at sharing are no longer easily accessed. This would include my original website hosted on GeoCities. About the time GeoCities was being discontinued, I had transitioned to using The Master Genealogist for my genealogy research. Thus, I was able to take advantage of John Cardinal's software, Second Site and his hosting service to continue sharing my work online.

When support for The Master Genealogist was discontinued, I converted my data to RootsMagic. One of the 'selling' points for RootsMagic was the ability to publish my data online. Thus, I switched my online file from Second Site to RootsMagic's.

Since the release of RootsMagic's TreeShare, I have had my RootsMagic data

connected to my Ancestry Tree. I've also been taking advantage of the ability to connect individuals in my RM data to Family Search.

Thus, my primary online trees include

- Heartland Genealogy on Ancestry
- FamilySearch tree – Eugene Crawford
- RootsMagic Online data

For DNA purposes, I do have some of my data on the following sites:

- My Heritage
- FamilyTree DNA
- GedMatch

Since my GedCom has been shared in many ways, I don't have a complete list of where my data may be available online. Thus, the challenge!

Since most of my current research has not involved new DNA ancestors, I don't feel a lot of pressure to update my GedCom data on My Heritage, FamilyTree DNA or GedMatch.

In terms of updating online trees, my focus will be on my Ancestry tree, my ancestors on FamilySearch and my RootsMagic online data. Thank you 'The Genealogy Guys' for the challenge!

Disclaimer

Monday, January 13, 2020

Who Am I?

- Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Friend
- Kansan – Resident of Seneca, Kansas
- Retired teacher, library and technology coordinator
- Long time genealogist
- Person behind 'Heartland Genealogy'
- Blogger
- Methodist
- Volunteer

Contrary to the perception of some, I do not make any type of financial benefit from my work with genealogy. The only 'profit' I make from my activities is the personal connections I make.

Since retirement, the vast majority of my online presence revolves around the research of my family history.

1950 Kansas Census

Monday, January 20, 2020

Are you eagerly awaiting the release of the 1950 census? If you follow Randy Seaver's Genea-Musings blog, then you may have seen his challenge to identify members of our ancestral families that will be in the 1950 United States census.

Although it will be interesting to see the household configurations in the 1950 census,

there is census data available for that time period — *IF the person lived in Kansas*. Yes, that's correct, one can find census data for Kansas thru 1961. This information can be found in Ancestry's collection: Kansas, City and County Census Records, 1919-1961.

Since all of my ancestral lines were in Kansas prior to 1919, this collection has proven to be very helpful.

For example, my great-grandmother, Josie Crawford was living in Dodge City in 1950. Thus, I did a search of the collection for a Josie Crawford living in Ford County, Kansas.

Since I didn't select 'exact' for Josie's first name, the results included Josie, Jessie and even J Frank. However, at the top of the list was one Josie Crawford.

View Record	Name	Enumeration Date	Registration Place	View Images
View Record	Josie Crawford	1 Mar 1953	Dodge City	
View Record	Josie Crawford	1 Mar 1944	Dodge City	
View Record	Josie Crawford	1 Mar 1935	Dodge City	
View Record	Josie Crawford	1 Mar 1925	Dodge City	
View Record	Josie Crawford	1919	Dodge City	

Clicking on the link to Josie took me to a screen giving her information and a link to the image.

Clicking on the image shows the household of my grandfather, Leon Crawford. In this household was my grandfather, my grandmother, Winnie, my great-grandmother, Josie, and my uncle, Leon, Jr.

Kansas, City and County Census Records, 1919-1961 for Josie Crawford

John		30
John		1
Cop. Foster	805 2nd	49
Children, Hubert	807 2nd	45
Crawford, Leon	911 2nd	59
Winnie	" "	41
Jessie	" "	79
Sam Jr.	" "	14

Using this collection of Kansas census records, I have been able to find my grandparents and all of my great-grandparents living in 1950. This includes the following:

- Edward O. Briles (often listed as E O Briles) living in Emporia, Kansas
- Edward G. Briles listed in the 1948 census in Yates Center Kansas
- Charles Mentzer living in Neosho Falls between 1946 and 1949 and then living in Emporia in 1953

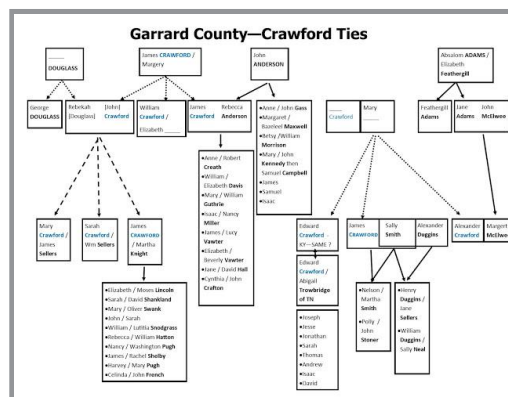
With my Kansas heritage, this set of records has been very helpful. If you have relatives living in Kansas between 1919 and 1961, be sure to check out this collection: Kansas, City and County Census Records, 1919-1961!

Garrard County Names

Saturday, February 01, 2020

Do you use a list of FAN (Friends, Acquaintances, Neighbors) club names when researching county records for your family? If so, do you ever struggle with remembering how the members of your FAN club fit together? If so, you are not alone.

As I'm getting back into my CRAWFORD research and Garrard County, Kentucky records by reading an order book, I've found that I not only need a list of names, but a diagram of how they might fit together. Since I don't own any software to easily create such a diagram, I used Microsoft Publisher and multiple text boxes to create my diagram of the CRAWFORD families in early Garrard County, Kentucky along with some associated families.



In the early tax records for the area, I have identified four CRAWFORD families with land in what becomes Garrard County: Rebekah Crawford, William Crawford, James Crawford and Mary Crawford. Based on research of these four families, their spouses and potential

children, I have been able to identify contemporaries who had ties to these families. This is the generation that settled the region.

- Absalom Adams (father of Feathergill Agams)
- Feathergill Adams
- Isaac Anderson
- James Anderson
- John Anderson (father of Rebecca Anderson)
- Rebecca Anderson
- Samuel Anderson
- Samuel Campbell
- James Crawford
- John Crawford
- William Crawford
- George Douglas(s)
- Rebekah Douglas(s)
- John Gass
- John Kennedy (brother of Thomas Kennedy)
- Bazeleel Maxwell
- John McElwee
- Jacob Miller
- William Morrison
- Nathan Sellers

Since many of the potential children of the four CRAWFORD families were married in early Kentcuky, I can add their spouses to my list. This is the generation that mostly moved away from the Garrard County area.

- John Crafton
- Robert Creath
- Elizabeth Davis
- Alexander Duggins
- William Guthrie
- David Hall
- Martha Knight
- Nancy Miller (daughter of Jacob Miller)
- James Sellers (son of Nathan Sellers)
- William Sellers (son of Nathan Sellers)
- Sally Smith
- Abigail Trowbridge
- Beverly Vawter
- Lucy Vawter

As I read the court order book, I will be looking for any mention of the following surnames:

- Adams
- Anderson
- Campbell
- Crafton
- Crawford
- Creath
- Davis
- Douglas(s)
- Duggins

- Gass
- Guthrie
- Hall
- Kennedy
- Knight
- Maxwell
- McElwee
- Miller
- Morrison
- Sellers
- Smith
- Trowbridge
- Vawter

Hopefully, these court records will help me learn more about these Crawford families and their migration to Kentucky.

Always Learning – Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, February 09, 2020

Do you like to pick up tips and tricks from other researchers? I know I do! I especially like those surveys or challenges that cause me to look at my data in a different way. That's one of the things I like about Randy Seaver's "Saturday Night Genealogy Fun" challenges. Not only does Randy challenge me to look at my data differently – but he often provides the instructions on how to do it.

That is especially true of last night's challenge.



Here is your assignment if you choose to play along (cue the Mission Impossible music, please!):

1) Go into your Genealogy Management Program (GMP; either software on your computer, or an online family tree) and figure out how to Count how many surnames you have in your family tree database.

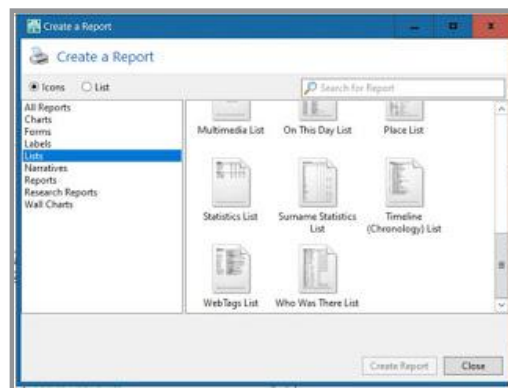
2) Tell us which GMP you're using and how you did this task.

3) Tell us what the top 20 surnames are in your database and, if possible, how many entries. How many different surnames are in your family tree?

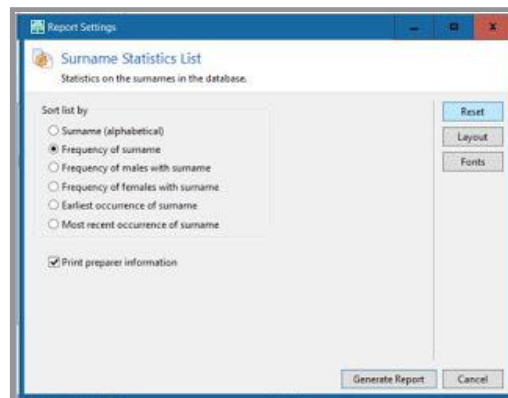
4) Write about it in your own blog post, in a comment to this blog post, in a status or comment on a Facebook post.

Since like Randy, I use RootsMagic 7 to manage my genealogy research, I simply have to follow his directions to figure out my top 20 surnames.

So within RootsMagic 7, I pulled down the REPORTS menu and clicked on LISTS for the type of report. Then I just scrolled down the right side of the window to locate the SURNAME STATISTICS LIST.



When the REPORT SETTINGS window opened, I needed to change the 'Sort List by' to 'FREQUENCY OF SURNAME'.



With 53 pages of surnames, I have to admit I have a lot of different surnames in my project. My top 20 surnames include some surprises:

- Crawford — 1128
- Ricketts — 903
- Foster — 400
- Briles — 359
- Curry — 339

- _____ — 291
- Wells — 277
- Thompson — 258
- Hammond — 214
- Sellers — 185
- Currey — 178
- Mentzer — 168
- Broyles — 140
- Smith — 134
- Burke — 124
- Young — 112
- Rush — 101
- Allen — 100
- Ralston — 89
- Miller — 83

So, what were some of the surprises?

Well, the _____ and the blank surnames shouldn't have surprised me, since I have a lot of spouses without a surname. I just didn't expect them to show up in my Top 20.

What is really surprising is the FAN club surnames that made my Top 20. This would include SELLERS, YOUNG, ALLEN and MILLER.

So, I wondered where the ancestral surnames of my 2nd great grandparents appeared on the list. So, here's the list of those ancestral surnames and where they appear on the list:

- Crawford — 1st
- Foster — 3rd
- Hammond — 9th
- Ralston — 19th
- Currey — 11th (with CURRY at 5th)
- Burke — 15th
- Hutchinson — 23rd
- Harding — 26th
- Briles — 4th
- Thompson — 8th
- Ricketts — 2nd
- Christy — 78th
- Mentzer — 12th
- Minnick — 77th
- Wells — 7th
- Crandall — 33rd

Thanks Randy for the challenge!

Crawford yDNA

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Did you know you can get a yDNA haplogroup from your Ancestry DNA? Until an administrator of the Crawford yDNA project posted directions on the Clan Crawford Association Ancestry and DNA Research Forum Facebook group, I didn't know anything about this.



To do this, one needs to download Ancestry DNA and save the ZIP file in a known location. The file needs to remain 'zipped'.

The blog post, Updated Method to Get yDNA Haplogroup from AncestryDNA Results explains the process.

The second step is to use the MorleyDNA.com Y-SNP Subclade Predictor. After giving consent for the use of the data, a screen will open to upload the zipped file containing AncestryDNA results

Once the data is uploaded, a screen will appear prompting you to prove you are not a robot and again asking for consent to use the data.

The processing is quick and opens a screen showing the results. Look for the box highlighted in green on the left side of the screen. That is the predicted haplogroup.

If you wish to share the findings with other CRAWFORD researches, you may either post your results as a comment to the Facebook post or as a comment to this blog. Please include the following information in your comment. Earliest known ancestor

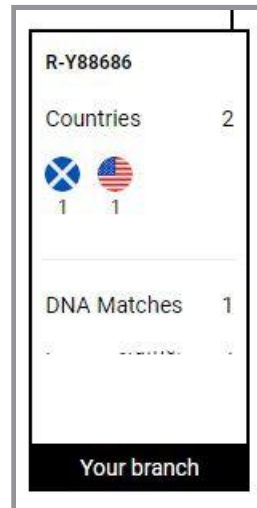
- Birthdate and place if known
- Deathdate and place if known
- Spouse's name
- Copy of information in the green box on the left (your haplogroup)

If your yDNA comes back any variety of R1b, I would be very interested in seeing if our research connects.

Chasing Edward

Sunday, February 16, 2020

When doing your genealogy research do you sometimes feel like you are going down a rabbit hole or chasing your tail? That's what I sometimes feel like when I research descendants of a Crawford who is not my ancestor.



So yesterday, I was chasing my tail by researching the children of Edward Crawford (1762-1826) of Overton, Tennessee. Even though I don't have any paper research connecting my Crawford line to Edward or even to Overton County, Tennessee, there is a DNA connection. Descendants of Edward Crawford have also done a Big Y DNA test and we have been assigned the same branch of the Big Y Haplotree: R-Y88686.

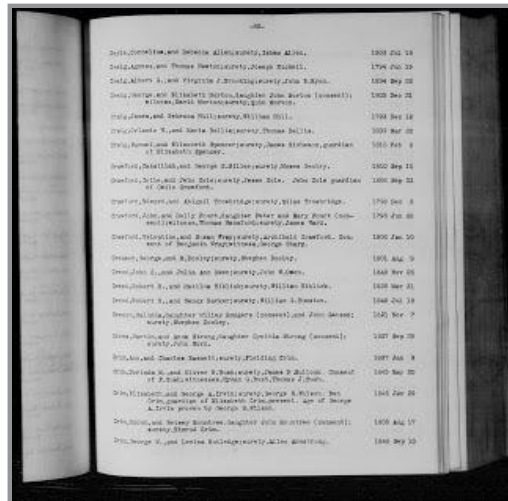
When I first received these DNA results, I couldn't find a connection between my Crawford family in Garrard County, Kentucky and Edward Crawford of Overton County, Tennessee. However, I remembered that I had found an Edward Crawford in the 1795 and 1796 tax lists for Madison County, Kentucky. Wondering whether the Edward Crawford in the tax lists of Madison County, KY is the same Edward Crawford who died in Overton County, TN.

Thus, I've been researching the children and grandchildren of Edward Crawford of Overton County, Tennessee — hoping to find some clue that would lead back to Kentucky. As I was finding records for Edward's children and their family, I was comparing my findings to the Edward Crawford [LD9R-8KW] family on the FamilySearch tree. During this comparison, I discovered that other researchers believe that David Crawford [9KMN-WNK], son of Edward and Abigail (Trowbridge) Crawford was born in Clark County, Kentucky.

Wait! A child of Edward was born in Kentucky – in Clark County, Kentucky? Since none of my research had taken me to Clark County, Kentucky, I had to look it up on a map. That's when I discovered that Clark County was on the northeast border of Madison County.

Thus, I've started digging into Clark County records to see what I could learn about Edward Crawford. I started by looking for marriage records involving an Edward Crawford and I found reference to a marriage bond between an Edward Crawford and an Abigail Trowbridge.

Crawford, Edward and Abigail Trowbridge; surety, Silas Trowbridge 1798 Dec 3



Besides the marriage bond of Edward Crawford, I found information for several other Crawford family marriage bonds on page 85.

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Crawford, Cassillah and George S. Miller; surety, Moses Gentry 1810 Sep10

Crawford, Ceile, and Jehu Cole; surety, Jesse Cole. Jehu Cole guardian of Ceile Crawford 1806 Sep 23

Crawford, Edward and Abigail Trowbridge; surety, Silas Trowbridge 1798 Dec 3

Crawford, John and Dolly Fourt, daughter Peter and Mary Fourt (consent); witness, THomas Hansford; surety, James Ward 1796 Jun 28 [John Andrew Crawford 1765-1851 and Dorothy FORT 1775-1846 in RootsMagic]

Crawford, Velentine and Susan Wray; surety, Archibald Crawford, consent of Benjamin Wray; witness, George Sharp 1800 Jan 10

Not only did I find information linking the an Edward Crawford of Kentucky to the Edward Crawford of Overton, Kentucky, but I have several other Crawfords to add to my FAN club and another Kentucky county to research.

George F. Doyle, *Marriage Bonds of Clark County, Kentucky from the Formation of the County in 1793 to 1850: compiled from the original bonds in the office of the clerk of the Clark County Court*, digital image (Winchester, Kentucky: Clark County Historical Society, 1933), page 85; digital image, FamilySearch, <http://www.familysearch.org> Film 183194 DGS 7896907 : viewed online 15 February 2020.

yDNA – Big News

Sunday, March 01, 2020

In your genealogy research, have you ever suspected a relationship but never could find evidence to support your suspicions?

Well that's been the case with my James Crawford research and I now have yDNA evidence to support that suspicion!

My brothers yDNA has been placed in the R-Y88686 haplogroup. My first match was to descendants of Edward Crawford of Tennessee. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to verify that our two lines resided in the same area at the same time let alone discover a family connection.



With today's notice of a new Big Y match, I now have a match with a familiar line. The new match is a descendant of James and Rebecca (Anderson) Crawford.

The James and Rebecca Crawford family is one of several Crawford families in the Garrard County area of Kentucky prior to 1800 that I've been researching. Although I have been able to piece together a lot of information on these various Crawford families, I've never been able to find anything connecting my James Crawford who married Sally Duggins in 1799 in Garrard County, KY to any of these other families.

These DNA results not only support my suspicions but give me incentive to continue researching these various Crawford families in hopes of someday figuring out how my Crawford line connects.

These families include:

- My line: James and Sally (Smith Duggins) Crawford who migrated from Kentucky to Preble County, Ohio. Their son, Nelson Crawford, migrated from Ohio to Warren County, Indiana around 1830. Most of Nelson Crawford's children, including my ancestor, Washington Marion Crawford, migrated from Indiana to Dodge City, Kansas.
- James Crawford and Martha Knight – James and Martha were married in 1791 in Lincoln County, KY. They owned land in Barren County, KY before migrating to Preble County, Ohio. Around 1830, James and Martha and their children migrated to Warren County, Indiana. Their grandson, Harvey Harrison Crawford, migrated to Ford County, Kansas and eventually settled in Dodge City, Kansas.
- James Crawford and Rebecca Anderson were married in 1779 in Montgomery County, Virginia. James purchased land from Thomas Kennedy along Paint Lick Creek in what was Lincoln County, Kentucky at the time. By 1811, James and Rebecca along with most of their children and families had migrated to Jefferson County in Indiana Territory. **THIS IS THE LINE WITH A yDNA MATCH.**
- Rebekah Crawford purchased 100 acres of land on the headwaters of Sugar and Boons Creek in 1786. She is listed as a widow on the Lincoln County tax records in 1787. Rebekah is believed to be the mother of the James Crawford who married Martha Knight along with Mary Crawford who married James Sellers and Sarah Crawford who married William Sellers. It is also believed that Rebekah was the sister of George Douglas and widow of John Crawford. More evidence is needed to prove all of these relationships.

- Mary Crawford is listed as 'exempt' on various tax records in Madison County, Kentucky prior to 1800. In 1791, Mary purchased 100 acres of land on Sugar Creek in what became Garrard County, Kentucky. In 1793, Mary married Alexander Moore in Madison County, KY. Alexander and Mary Moore migrated to Fleming County, Kentucky, which is where it is believed that Mary died.

Perhaps with the help of the Crawford yDNA project and other Crawford researchers, we will be able to figure out this branch of the Crawford family!

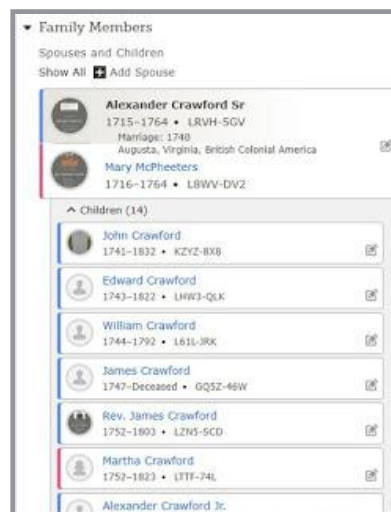
Hey Crawford Researchers – Let's Get This Right!

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Anyone who has been doing genealogical research will eventually run into 'same name' issues, where two people of the same name are found in the same vicinity or same records. With my Crawford research, my same name struggle has been with my ancestor, James Crawford (1772-1854).

James is a common given name in Crawford research and my James seems to be surrounded by other James Crawfords during his adult life. Even though most of the time, I've been able to separate out the various families, I haven't been able to find siblings or parents for my James Crawford.

However, I have encountered a lot of what I'm going to call 'latchkey' trees. With pre-1800 Crawford research in Virginia and surrounding areas, it is fairly easy to find published family histories for various Crawford lines. This would include David Crawford, Col. William Crawford and brothers, Alexander and Patrick Crawford. Since given names like James, John and Mary are found in many Crawford families, it is tempting to take a proven ancestor named James, John or Mary Crawford and 'latch' onto one of these families to identify parents of our ancestor.



With my Crawford research centered in Kentucky and Virginia, I encounter a lot of trees for these early Kentucky Crawford families connecting to Alexander Crawford and his wife Mary McPheeters or to Alexander's brother Patrick. Some of these trees match the information in the well documented book, Descendants of Alexander and Mary

McPheeters Crawford by Amanda Forbes. Unfortunately, many trees lead back to Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford when the documents for the child in the tree contradicts known documentation for the family of Alexander Crawford.

Unfortunately, these 'latchkey' trees create problems for everyone researching their Crawford line.

- They lead other Crawford researchers down an incorrect path
- They complicate the interpretation of DNA results

With autosomal DNA and features like ThruLines, an incorrect ancestor in my tree can lead all of my DNA matches down a wrong path.

Not only is this an issue with autosomal DNA but with yDNA research. In the Crawford DNA project, there were several tests with Alexander Crawford identified as the paternal ancestor. One of those is a fairly close match to my brother's yDNA indicating that our lines might connect at some time in the past. However, there were other tests identifying Alexander Crawford as the paternal ancestor that are not related to my Crawford line. Based on information from an administrator of the Crawford project, these yDNA tests were significantly different and could not all have descended from Alexander Crawford.

So, I'm asking for all Crawford researchers to help get this right. Let's work together to document our Crawford lineage to make sure our trees are well documented — including parent-child links. Let's

- Search out wills, probate records and court records that identify family connections
- Search out deeds that not only document residency but can also show movement from place to place or identify family members
- Utilize collaborative trees such as FamilySearch or WikiTree to connect with other researchers
- Share our findings and the supporting documents on these collaborative trees or in public trees on genealogy sites

Please join me with this effort — and if your Crawford research takes you to Garrard, Madison or Lincoln counties in Kentucky prior to 1800, please contact me — I might be able to help you.

Crawford Marriages

Monday, April 06, 2020

Have you ever felt the need to go back thru your genealogy research hoping that some new insight can be obtained from those notes and records located years ago? That's where I'm at with my Crawford research. I started with some marriage records from Augusta County, Virginia.

Vogt John & T. William Kethley, *Augusta County Marriages, 1748-1850* (N.p.: Iberian Publishing Company, 1986).

While reviewing these records, I found that I already had most of these Crawfords in my database. However, I often was missing their spouse and/or documentation of their marriage.

In the process of re-looking at these records, I also took the time to find them on FamilySearch so I could see what other researchers might have on these families.

Below are my notes for Crawford males and females married in Augusta County prior to 1801.

Augusta County Marriages 1748-1850

Crawford.VA.030

by John Vogt & T. William Kethley
Iberian Publishing Company, np, 1986

Only transcribing marriages prior to 1801

page 66 – Men's Names

Augusta County Marriages -- Man's Name	
Craun	George & Margaret Swisher 10 Sep 1845; min- P Shickel
Isaac & Sarah Piper	6 Jul 1826; min- William Monroe
Cravens	Joseph & Polly Nickel 26 Nov 1790; Minister's return
	spells name as 'Nickie' d John, who consents wit- Wm Lang
	& W Chambers b- W Chambers min- Benjamin Irvin- 30Nov1790
Crawford	Alexander & Mary Hottle 3 Aug 1830; min- William Calhoon
	Alexander & Rachel Lessley 20 Feb 1793; 'Lesley?' con-
	William Bell affidavit of Rachel's full age b- Phillip
	Dyer no minister listed; clerk's memorandum cites ceremony
	date as 21Feb1793
	Andrew & Rachel Hunter 22 Aug 1799; d William who consents
	& Mary Hunter who consents test- William Crawford Andrew
	of age b- William Benson
	Benjamin & Magdelin Cochran 20 Oct 1829; min- John Hendren
	Georen & Nancev Clemens 9 Sep 1812; min- William Wilson

Alexander Crawford [FS LZN5-951 – grandson of Alexander & Mary(McPHeeters) Crawford] & Rachel Lessley [Leslie FS 2W3B-9BV] – 20 Feb 1793 consent William Bell

Andrew [FS 9jHH-3KJ] & Rachel Hunter [FS MYMQ-2MC] – 22 Aug 1799 d William who consents & Mary Hunter who consent test – William Crawford Andrew of age b – William Benson

George [FS KLBL-VM2 – son of Patrick Crawford] & Nancy Winters [FS LZLH-G9W] – 22 Jun 1789; b – Robert Gamble Min – Benjamin erwin – 23 Jun 1789

James & ?? 30 Oct 1762; license only

James & Mary Crawford 27 Dec 1786; b – George Crawford wit – _____ Urquhart min – Archibald Scott – 18 Mar 1786 min- Archibald Scott – 31 Jan 1797

John (FS LHNZ-MB7) & Rebecca Allen (FS M1QM-1MW) 5 Jul 1791; d James, who consents wit – David Hanna & Daniel Early b – James Allen min – John McCune 5 Jul 1791

John (FS KZYX-8X8)& Sally Newman (FS LC7L-3JW) 11 Fe b1797; widower Sally (of age) d Leavy b – Joshua Parry min – Archibald Scott – 24 Feb 1797

Robert(FS LHXT-KP8) & Anne Allen (FS K67S-K3J) 9 Jan 1787; b – Andrew Anderson certificate by William Craig min – William Wilson – 10 Jan 1788

Samuel (FS LKR7-VMY) & Elizabeth Craig (FS G79H-T62) 9 Oct 1790 ; d Margaret, who consents wit – Alexander & James Craig b – William Crawford min – archibald Scott – 12 Oct 1790

William (FS G9VM-S44) & Martha Cooper (FS KH5R-B3X) 16 Jun 1786; min – Samuel Shannon – 16 Jun 1786

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Crawford

Ann (FS LY4M-KRK) & William Robertson (FS 27S1-FBK) 2 Jun 1788; b – John Crawford min – William Willson – 3 Jun 1788

Florence (FS LH5N-4DC) & Christian Surface (FS LZNG-P51) 17 Jul 1799; "Sirfes?" both of oage b- Martin Surface, bro of Christian

Isabella (FS LHD8-6JW) & James Ritchey (FS LHD8-6TT) 16 Fe b1798; d James Crawford, dec. con – Hugh Fulton test – Robert Fulton James Ritchey from Rockbridge b – John Fulton min – Archibald Scott 22 Feb 1798

Margaret (FS KCRZ-JDT) & Daniel Fall (FS LYHW-VD6) 30 Aug 1797; d John who consents test – John Rees b – James Brown min – William Wilson – 31 Aug 1797

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Martha (FS LZZ1-66K) & Andrew Anderson (FS I41L-V37) 12 Mar 1788; b – John Miller min William Wilson – 13 Mar 1788

Martha (FS LCZF-9NC) & Robert Poage (FS LCZF-936) 16 Sep 1791; d James who consents b- Robert Crawford & John Robertson b – William Crawford min – William Wilson – 15 sept 1791

Martha (FS KGMT-W76) & Andrew Stull (FS KVLK-9VL) 7 May 1798; Minister's return spells name as 'Andrew Steele' d William b – William Crawford min – William Wilson – 9 May 1798

Mary (FS MYM7-8DX) & William Bell (FS MYM7-8D9) 1 Mar 1796; Mary (of age) d James Crawford, dec. b – Alexander St Clair Approbation of Jane Crawford min – William Wilson – 3 Mar 1796 –

Nancy (FS LCZH-DXP) & James Tallman (FS LCPB-226) 4 Dec 1790; Bond lists James's name s Tolman d William b – John Armstrong s Benjamin, who consents wit – William Tallman & THomas Hunter min – Archibald Scott – 10 Dec 1790

Polly (FS KL6W-NRL) & John Armstrong (FS KLYG-VFZ) 4 Dec 1790; d William B – James Tallman min – Archibald Scott 10 Dec 1790

Rachel & William Bell 17 Sep 1799; widower & widow (of Charles) b Alexander Crawford

Rachel [Barclay? FS LHZ6-DL2 widow of John Crawford [FS LCMX-T8Y] & John Poage [FS LBKT-RF5] 26 Nov 1792; b – THomas Wilson min – William Wilson – 27 Nov 1792

Sarah [FS GSMP-GLR] & Theobald John Campbell [FS MYMH-CVN] 7 Aug 1792; Minister's return spells name as 'Polly' b – John Campbell Sr mini William Wilson 9 Aug 1792

Violet (FS LHGZ-WMK) & David Gwinn (FS LHJ6-RHM) 11 Nov 1790; Minister's return spells name as 'Grim or Ginn' d William who consents b – J Lyle Jr min – John Montgomery 11 Nov 1790

I am thankful that I reviewed this lists of marriages and took the time to figure out how each of these couples connected to the various Crawford lines in Augusta County, Virginia. Now to see if I have something else hidden in my files to help me piece together these families.

Source Mystery

Friday, April 10, 2020

Do you like to dig into old deeds and court records to figure out family ties? If so, has the closure of libraries and Family History Centers impacted your ability to access those records? My answer to both questions is YES. Of course, I could be using Ancestry databases to research other branches of my tree, but the pull to research my Crawford line is very strong — and that means accessing Virginia records.

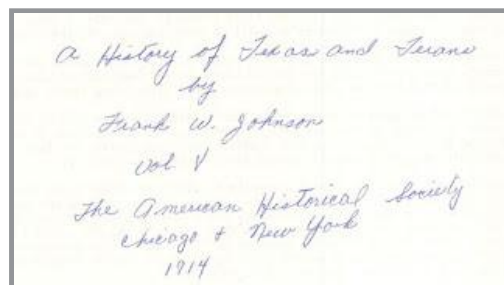
Even if the Family History Centers were open, I'm under a county 'Stay at Home' order. Thus, I'm digging thru my files from previous Virginia research to see if I can make pull any new information from that research.

Out of curiosity, I searched my Crawford files to see if I had any records mentioning Overton, Tennessee. (One of my brother's BigY matches is to a Crawford family from Overton County, Tennessee.) Since I've never done any Tennessee research, I didn't expect to find much. Thus, I was surprised when I found a document titled: Crawford Families of Virginia and Overton County Tennessee.

What I have is a scanned image of a photocopy.

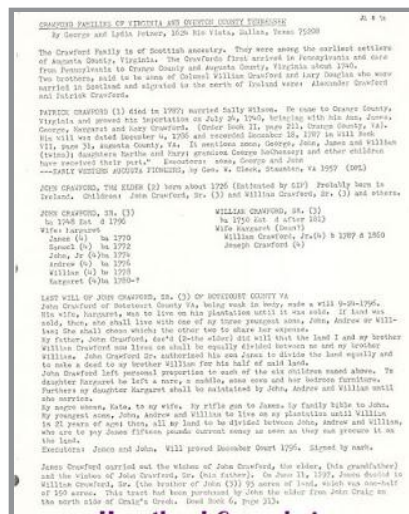
Based on the third page of the scanned image, this document was found by my mother and came from

Johnson, Frank W. A History of Texas and Texans Vol. V. Chicago: The American Historical Society, 1914.



A scanned image of this book is on the Internet. The book is also available on Ancestry. However, I have not found anything in the book that matches the photocopy. Unfortunately, I've found that the research my parents helped me with is not always well sourced. This must be one of those 'unfortunate' times.

Not only does this document connect a Crawford family in Botetourt County, Virginia to a Crawford family in Overton County, Tennessee, but it identifies three generations of this family and cites a will and deeds to support the family.



Crawford Families of Virginia and Overton County Tennessee by George and Lydia Fetzer, 1624 Rio Vista, Dallas, Texas 75208

The Crawford Family is of Scottish ancestry. They were among the earliest settlers of Augusta County, Virginia. The Crawfords first arrived in Pennsylvania and came from Pennsylvania to Orange County and Augusta County, Virginia about 1740. Two brothers, said to be sons of Colonel William Crawford and Mary Douglas who were married in Scotland and migrated to the north of Ireland were: Alexander Crawford and Patrick Crawford.

Patrick Crawford (1) died in 1787; married Sally Wilson. He came to Orange County, Virginia and proved his importation on July 24, 1749, bringing with him Ann, James, George, Margaret and Mary Crawford (Order Book II, page 211, Orange County, VA). His will was dated December 4, 1786 and recorded December 18, 1787 in Will Book VII, page 31, Augusta County, VA. It mentions sons, George, John, James and William (twins); daughters Martha and Mary; grandson George McChensey; and other children have received their part." Executors: sons, George and John

—Early Western Augusta Pioneers, by Geo. W. Cleek, Staunton, VA 1957 (DPL)

John Crawford, the Elder (2) born about 1726 (estimated by GIF) Probably born in Ireland. Children: John Crawford, Sr. (3) and William Crawford, Sr. (3) and others.

John Crawford, Sr. (3) William Crawford, Sr. (3)

ba 1748 Est d 1796 ba 1750 Est d after 1813

Wife: Margaret Wife Margaret (Dean?)

James (4) ba 1770 William Crawford, Jr. (4) b1787 d 1860

Samuel (4) ba 1772 Joseph Crawford (4)

John, Jr (4) ba 1774

Andrew (4) ba 1776

William (4) ba 1778

Margaret (4) ba 1780-?

Last Will of John Crawford, Sr. (3) of Botetourt County VA

John Crawford of Botetourt County VA, being weak in body, made a will 9-24-1796. His wife, Margaret, was to live on his plantation until it was sold. If land was sold, then she shall live with one of my three youngest sons, John, Andrew or William; She shall chose

which; the other two to share her expense.

My father, John Crawford, dec'd (2 – the elder) did will that the land I and my brother William Crawford now lives on shall be equally divided between me and my brother William. John Crawford Sr. authorized his son James to divide the land equally and to make a deed to my brother William for his half of said land.

John Crawford left personal properties to each of the six children named above. To daughter Margaret he left a mare, a saddle, some cows and her bedroom furniture.

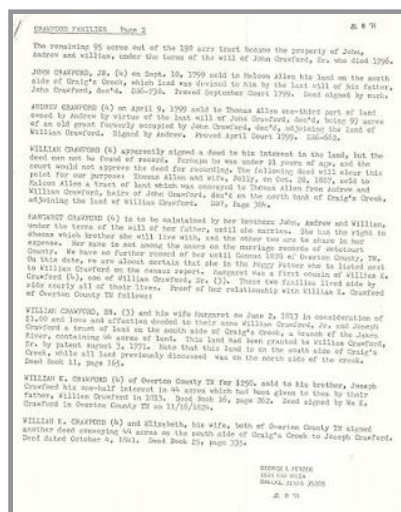
Further: my daughter Margaret shall be maintained by John, Andrew and William until she marries.

My negro woman, Kate, to my wife. My rifle gun to James. My family bible to John.

My youngest sons, John, Andrew and William to live on my plantation until William is 21 years of age; then, all my land to be divided between John, Andrew and William, who are to pay James fifteen pounds current money as soon as they can procure it on the land.

Executors: James and John. Will proved December court 1796. signed by mark

James Crawford carried out the wishes of John Crawford, the elder, (his grandfather) and the wishes of John Crawford, Sr. (his father). On June 11, 1797, James deed to William Crawford, Sr. (the brother of John (3)) 95 acres of land, which was one-half of 190 acres. This tract had been purchased by John the elder from John Craig on the north side of Craig's Creek. Deed Book 6, page 313



The remaining 95 acres out of the 190 acre tract became the property of John, Andrew and William, under the terms of the will of John Crawford, Sr. who died 1796.

John Crawford (4) on April 9, 1799 sold to Thomas Allen his land on the north side of Craig's Creek, which land was devised to him by the last will of his father, John Crawford, Dec'd. DB6-730. Proved September Court 1799. Deed signed by mark.

Andrew Crawford (4) on April 9, 1799 sold to Thomas Allen one-third part of land owned by Andrew by virtue of last will of John Crawford, dec'd, being 93 acres of an old grant formerly occupied by John Crawford, dec'd adjoining the land of William Crawford. Signed by Andrew. Proved April Court 1799. DB6-662

William Crawford (4) apparently signed a deed to his interest in the land, but the deed can not be found of record. Perhaps he was under 21 years of age, and the court would not approve the deed for recording. The following deed will clear this point for our purpose: Thomas Allen and wife, Polly, On Oct 20, 1807, sold to Malcom Allen a tract of land which was conveyed to Thomas Allen from Andrew and William Crawford, heirs of John Crawford, dec'd on the north bank of Craig's Creek, adjoining the land of William

Crawford. DB? page 384.

Margaret Crawford (4) is to be maintained by her brothers John, Andrew and William, under the terms of the will of her father, until she marries. She has the right to choose which brother she will live with, and the other two are to share in her expense. Her name is not among the names on the marriage records of Botetourt County. We have no further record of her until Census 1820 of Overton County, TN. On this date, we are almost certain that she is the Peggy Fetzer who is listed next to William Crawford on the census report. Margaret was a first cousin of William K. Crawford (4), son of Williams Crawford, SR. (3). These two families lived side by side nearly all of their lives. Proof of her relationship with William K. Crawford of Overton County TN follows:

William Crawford, Sr. (3) and his wife Margaret on June 2, 1813 in consideration of \$1.00 and love and affection deeded to their sons William Crawford, Jr. and Joseph Crawford a tract of land on the south side of Craig's Creek, a branch of the James River, containing 44 acres of land. This land had been granted to William Crawford, Sr. by patent August 3, 1771. Note that this land is on the south side of Craig's Creek, while all land previously discussed was on the north side of the creek. Deed Book 11, page 165.

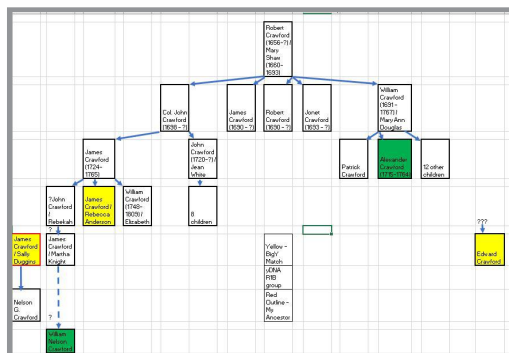
William K. Crawford (4) of Overton County TN for \$250. sold to his brother, Joseph Crawford his one-half interest in 44 acres which had been given to them by their father, William Crawford in 1813. Deed Book 16, page 262. Deed signed by Wm K. Crawford in Overton County TN on 11/16/1824

William K. Crawford (4) and Elizabeth his wife, both of Overton County TN signed another deed conveying 44 acres on the south side of Craig's Creek to Joseph Crawford. Deed dated October 4, 1841. Deed Book 25, page 335.

I would love to connect with anyone researching this John Crawford (the elder) family or anyone that can help identify the actual source of this information.

Crawford yDNA

Tuesday, April 28, 2020



My brother's BigY test recently verified what I and others have believed for a long time: that my James Crawford is somehow related to the James Crawford (1758-1836) of Garrard County, KY that was married to Rebecca Anderson. These results also indicates a relationship to Edward Crawford (1762-1826) of Overton, TN.

One of my yDNA 67 matches is a descendant of William Nelson Crawford (1829-1907). I am also an autosomal DNA match with descendants of William Nelson Crawford. This descendant also shares autosomal DNA with a descendant of James Crawford (1770-1833) who married Martha Knight and with a descendant of William Crawford (1748-

1809). James Crawford (1770-1833) and William Crawford (1748-1809) were both in the Garrard County, KY area at the same time as my ancestor.

A descendant of Alexander Crawford (1715-1764) is grouped in the R1b group on the Crawford project.

The researcher who is a descendant of William Crawford (1748-1809) believes that his William Crawford is a 1st cousin once removed from Alexander Crawford.

The above photo is an attempt to show how this researcher believes these various lines might be related. Note that my James Crawford line is not connected. Nor is the Edward Crawford line.

Crawford Ancestor DNA Project

Friday, June 26, 2020

Have you heard about Ancestor DNA Projects on GedMatch? Don't feel bad if you haven't. I first heard about them last month when a member of the Clan Crawford group on Facebook posted about it.

Several members of the Clan Crawford Facebook group are trying to get a Crawford Ancestor Project started. However, they need FIFTY Crawford researchers to agree to participate to get the project established.

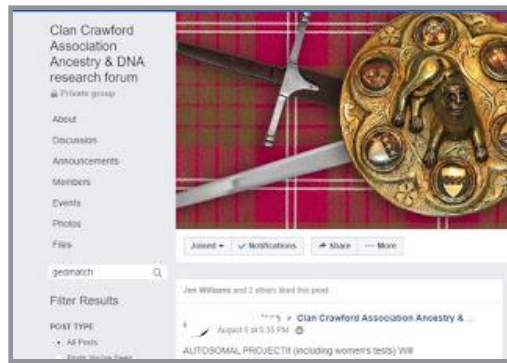
If you are a Crawford researcher who has uploaded your DNA to GedMatch, then please consider participating in the project.

To join the project, one must first be a member of the Clan Crawford Association Ancestry & DNA Research Forum on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, then you may submit a request to join the Clan Crawford Association Ancestry & DNA Research Forum. This is a great group that discusses Crawford DNA and/or Crawford Research.

Once your membership in the Clan Crawford Association Ancestry & DNA Research Forum, you can use the search box on the right side of the screen to locate posts on a particular topic.



A search for 'gedmatch' will bring up the post about the Ancestor Project.



The post contains a link to a Google file where one can enter his/her gedmatch number if willing to be part of the project.

If you are a Crawford researcher, please consider participating in both the Facebook group and the Crawford Ancestor DNA Project.



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